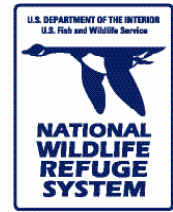


# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge

# Hunting and Fishing Regulations



Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 540 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

The 13,455 acre Browns Park NWR provides sanctuary for a diversity of wildlife. The Refuge offers quality recreational hunting and fishing opportunities. Hunting and fishing is permitted on the Refuge according to state and federal regulations and the following special regulations.

## General Refuge Regulations

### Hours

The Refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset. After sunset, public activity is limited to the Swinging Bridge and Crook campgrounds. The Refuge office and visitor contact station are open from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and are closed for federal holidays.

### Access

To protect habitat and minimize wildlife disturbance, vehicles and bicycles must stay on developed roads. The speed limit on all Refuge roads is 25 mph unless posted otherwise.

### Parking

Vehicles must park in pullouts or within 10 feet of the road. Overnight parking is not permitted unless camping in the designated campgrounds only.

### Camping

Camping is permitted in designated sites at in Swinging Bridge and Crook campgrounds and is limited to 14 days. To protect the

solitude of the Refuge, the use of generators is prohibited. Please pack out all your trash to keep the Refuge beautiful. Developed campgrounds are available nearby at Irish Canyon, Indian Crossing, and the Jarvie Historical site.

### Horses

Horseback riding is permitted only on designated roads. Use of certified weed-free hay is required to minimize the introduction of invasive plants. Horses are not permitted in the campgrounds.

### Accessible Facilities

An accessible waterfowl hunting blind and fishing pier are located near Hog Lake.

### Boating

The Green River, as it flows through the Refuge, is open to non-motorized boating, canoeing, and floating from the Utah state line to the Crook campground only. To minimize wildlife disturbance, boating is not permitted beyond the Crook campground.

# Hunting Regulations

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## Hunting Areas

Some areas are closed to hunting - be familiar with regulations and boundaries. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on Straddle Bottom (Butch Cassidy) and Hog Lake wetlands and most of the Green River. A section of the Straddle Bottom Wetland crosses the Utah state line and requires a Utah state hunting license. The Refuge spans Colorado Hunting Units 201 and 1, which are limited quota areas and may not be hunted with a general deer or elk license.

## Species

Hunting is permitted in designated areas for mule deer, elk, ducks, coots, geese, mergansers, cottontail and jack rabbits, and mourning doves. All other species, including prairie dogs and coyotes, are protected from hunting or trapping.

## Firearms

Only licensed hunters may carry, possess, and discharge firearms, including archery equipment, while engaged in established hunting seasons. Carrying, possessing, or discharging explosives, including fireworks, is strictly prohibited. Non-toxic shot is required for hunting waterfowl and upland

game with a shotgun. Indiscriminate shooting and target shooting are prohibited. Firearms must be unloaded (no ammunition in the chamber) when transported in a vehicle. To keep your Refuge clean, please remove all ammunition casings.

## Alcohol

Use or possession of alcohol while hunting on the Refuge is prohibited.

## Blinds and Stands

Portable blinds or temporary blinds constructed from dead vegetation may be used. No tree stands, cutting of live vegetation, or digging pit blinds is permitted.

## Personal Equipment

All personal equipment, including decoys, portable blinds, and boats, is to be removed from the field after daily hunting activities are completed.

## Dogs

The use of dogs for hunting and retrieving small game is encouraged. Dogs must be under owner's control at all times.

# Fishing Regulations

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## Fishing Areas

Fishing is permitted on the Green River and Beaver Creek in accordance with state fishing regulations. To protect breeding and migrating birds, fishing is not permitted on Straddle Bottom Wetland (Butch Cassidy) Colorado pikeminnow, an endangered species, must be released immediately. Use of spears, crossbows, and bows and arrows for taking or attempting to take fish is prohibited.

# Refuge Signs and Their Meaning

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## **Refuge boundary consult manager for current Regs**

This sign indicates the legal boundary of the Refuge. The fence line is not always the boundary line. Regulations and further information are available at the Refuge headquarters.

## **Unauthorized Entry Prohibited**

The areas behind these signs are open to permitted activities only.

## **No Hunting Zone**

The areas behind these signs are closed to all hunting (see map).

## **No vehicle sign**

The areas behind these signs are closed to vehicle traffic.

## **Area beyond sign CLOSED**

The areas behind these signs are closed to all public entry.

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## **Accessibility Information**

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